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801-833 William St. (East side)
Baltimore, Md.
Private access

1850-1857

The majority of the houses lining this side of the 800 block of William St. are three story, two or three bay wide brick houses with gable roofs. Like the similar houses across William St. and around the corner on Warren Ave., these houses were built for a middle class market and are larger and more spacious than the average two story plus attic house built for the working class inhabitants of the neighborhood. 801 William St. is now a corner grocery store and the original gable roof has been replaced by a shed roof. 803 William St. is one of only two Classical-Revival style, bow-fronted brick houses with brownstone trim in the area, the other being 804 William St., directly across the street. 811-817 William St. are three story, two bay wide shed-roofed houses, built as a unit in 1857, an early use of the shed roof in this area. The row of houses at 819-833 William St. was built by Nicholas Popplein, at the time the proprietor of a chemical manufactory at the foot of Cross St. and who later became an extremely wealthy resident of Eutaw Place and important chemical, paint, and varnish manufacturer.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

809 William St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

___ DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

___ STRUCTURE

___ SITE

___ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

___ PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

___ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

___ IN PROCESS

___ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

___ UNOCCUPIED

___ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

___ YES: UNRESTRICTED

___ NO

PRESENT USE

___ AGRICULTURE

___ COMMERCIAL

___ EDUCATIONAL

___ ENTERTAINMENT

___ GOVERNMENT

___ INDUSTRIAL

___ MILITARY

___ MUSEUM

___ PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

___ RELIGIOUS

___ SCIENTIFIC

___ TRANSPORTATION

___ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**☐ EXCELLENT☒ GOOD☐ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☒ UNALTERED☐ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED

DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This three story, three bay brick house with gable roof was built in the early 1850's as part of a group of such houses extending along this side of William St. The house has recently been renovated.

The house is three stories in height, about 18' wide, and occupies a lot 104' deep. The house is two rooms deep with a three story high, one bay wide and deep stair hall extension which connects the main house to a two story high, three bay deep rear addition, which has been remodeled at its east end so as to form a wide bay window extending through both stories. The house is constructed in running bond. The low-pitched gable roof has a two-tier brick cornice. The house has a triple hooded chimney located on the north side of the front roof gable, and there is also a single hooded chimney located on the north side of the rear roof gable.

At the present time the window openings have no lintels. but the very obvious in-fill brick over each window indicates that at some past time the original lintels were removed. The sills are wood. The doorway has its original round arched lintel still intact. All of the window openings are currently filled with new 6/6 double hung sash. Both the first and second floor window openings seem to be shorter than they were originally, to judge by the proportions of the neighboring house, 805 William St. A modern six panel door is set beneath a round-arched single light transom. The house sits on a fairly high basement, the entrance being reached by four brick steps. There is a square-shaped coal opening, faced with stone, located to the left of the steps. A flat-roofed alleyway runs back beneath the northernmost bay of the house.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES	1851-1852	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	Isaac Tyson
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is representative of a large group of such houses built in the 1840's and 1850's to accomodate the rising number of middle-class residents in the Federal Hill area--men who owned small businesses in the area or who had prospered at the local ship-building and glass-making trades. Houses such as this were almost always sold outright to be families who would live in them, for prices ranging from about \$1200 to \$1500. In addition to the full three story height, these houses are generally larger in overall scale than the type of house built for working class residents. The rooms are larger, more open, and with higher ceilings; the spacious stairways are located in a separate stair hall area to the rear of the main house, which communicates with both the main body of the house and the kitchen and dining areas located in a rear addition. A door leads to the stair hall from the alley between this and the adjoining house. This particular house, along with its neighbors, 805 and 801 William St., is three bays wide, an amenity that allowed for a separate entrance hall running back from the doorway to the stair hall area to the rear, and into which the front rooms opened.

The row of houses extending from 801 to 809 William St. (excluding 803 William, which is a later replacement) were built by Isaac Tyson, an outside investor whose was a member of a family firm of chemical manufacturers.¹ Tyson also built the adjoining row to the south at 811-819 William St. One of the early owners of 809 William St. was Levi Bowen, a shipsmith.²

¹Baltimore City Directory , 1855-56

²Ibid., 1858-59

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. & Eccles

DATE

5/79

STREET & NUMBER

1745 Circle Rd.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ruxton

STATE

Maryland 21204

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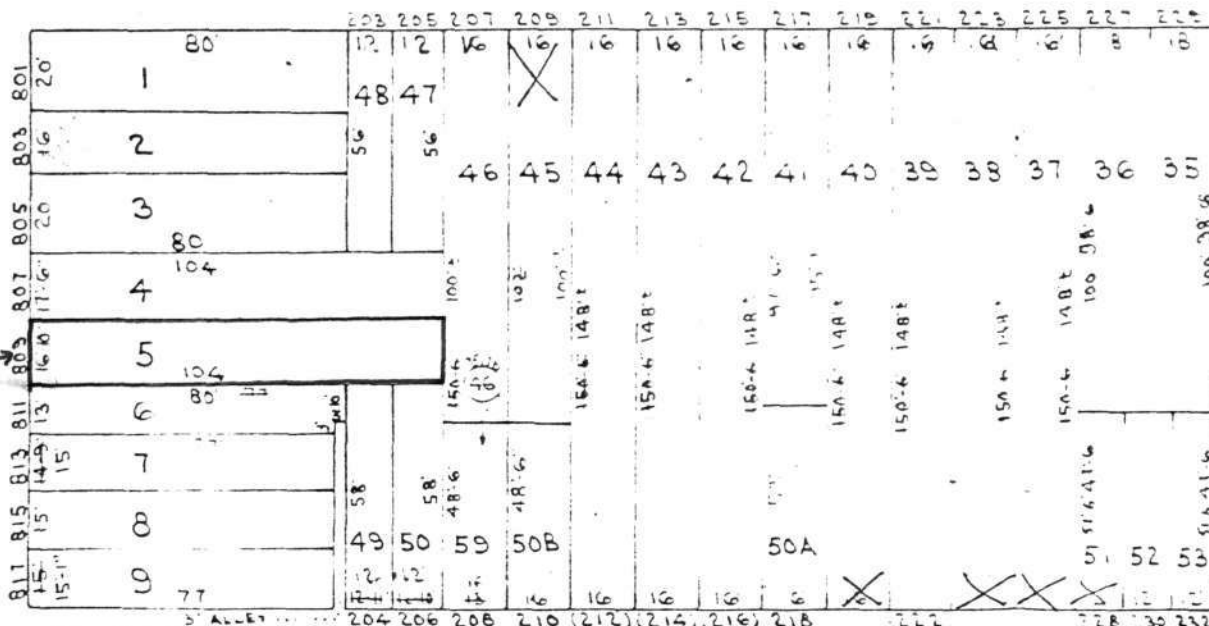
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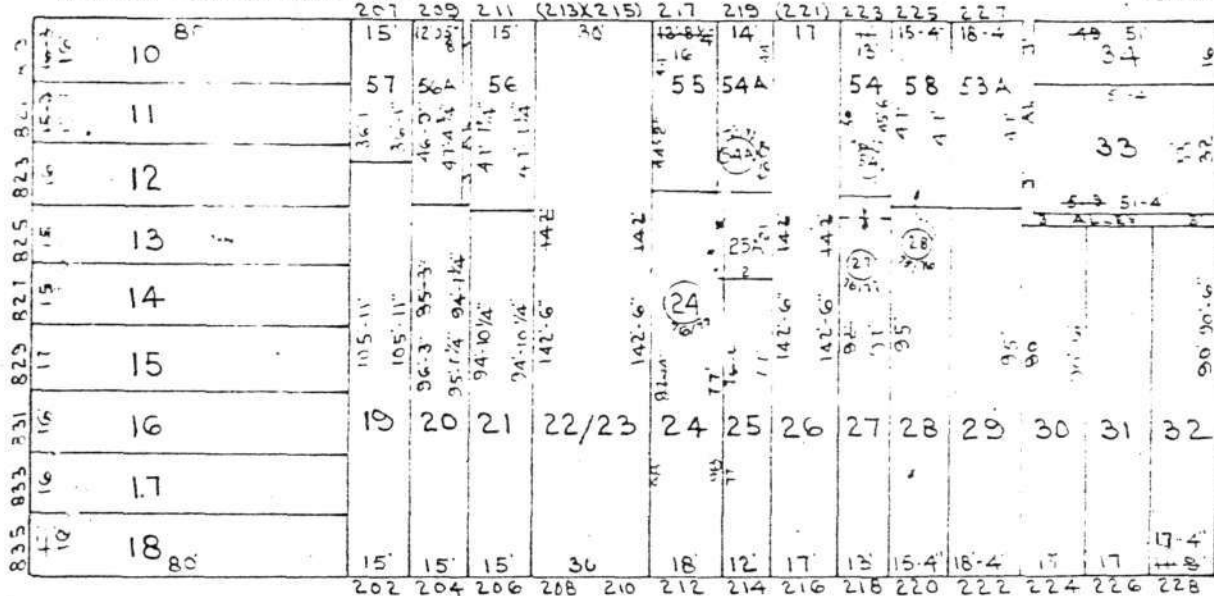
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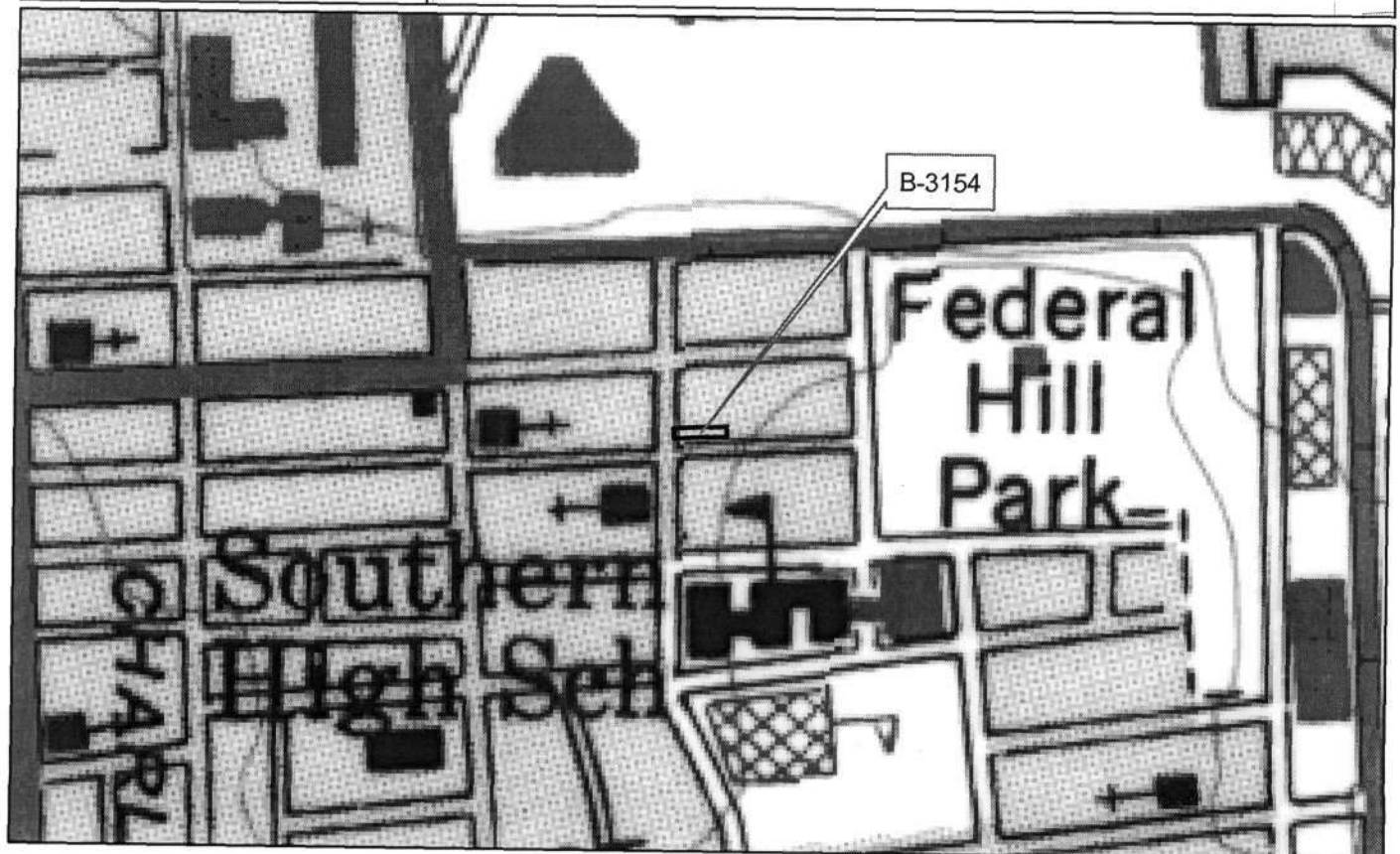
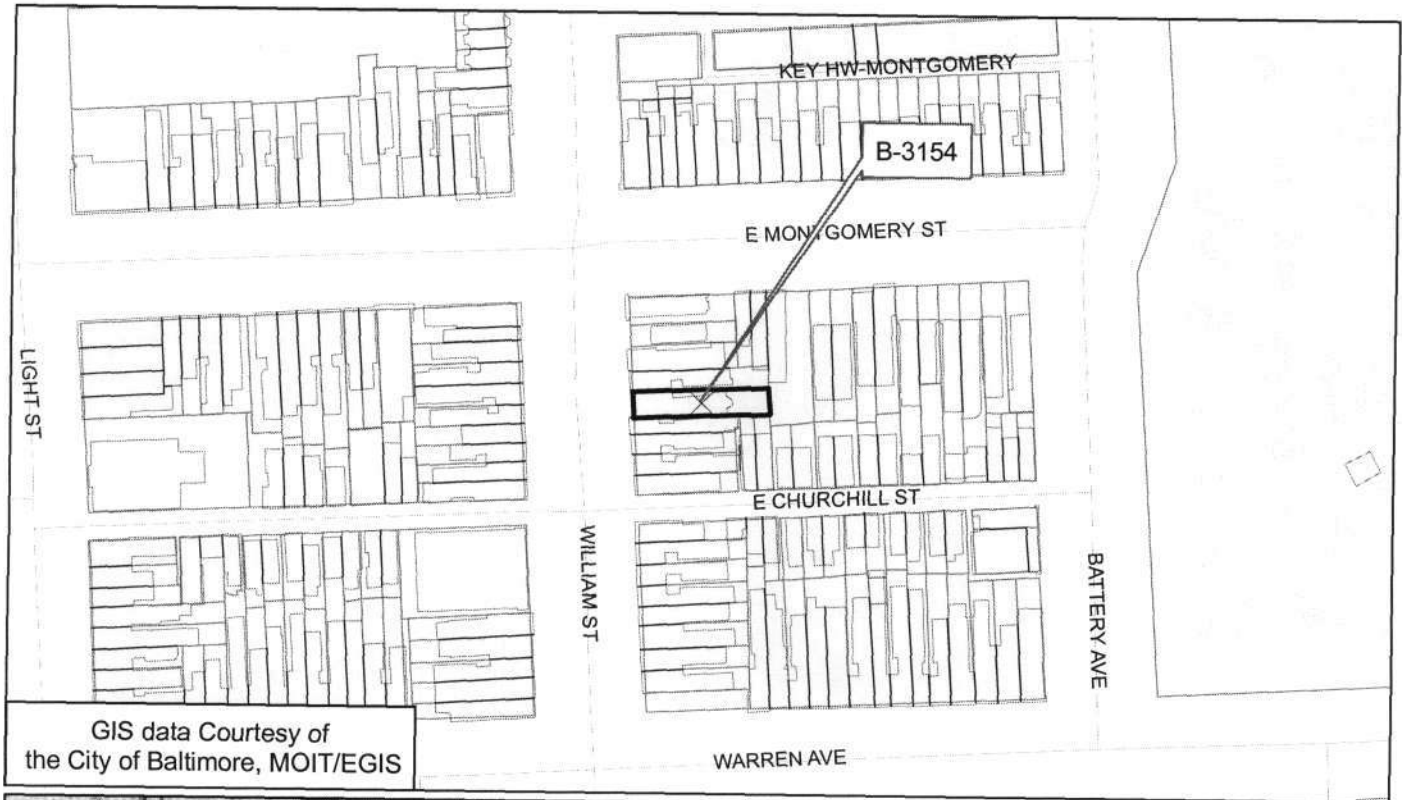
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Baltimore East Quad.





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809 William St.

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West elevation